

Humpty Dumpty Evangelism

John 4:27-42

"Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again."

"Don't you understand? I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:32

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer (defense) to everyone who asks you to give the reason (account) for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15

Principle: The most effective way of sharing your faith is to tell your story.

How do you share your story?

Share your testimony in three basic points, each of which answers the question:

- What was your life like before you became a Christian?
- How did you come to know Christ?
- What has your life been like since you received Christ?

Principle: God has given you a life message to share.

"We speak the truth before God, as messengers of God." 2 Corinthians 2:17

"Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony of God in them." 1 John 5:10

Why tell your story?

1. People identify with a personal story.
2. Your story has great power.

Principle: We are all "Humpty Dumpty's" with a story to tell.

Principles of Humpty Dumpty Evangelism:

1. It means that I am honest and real about my life.

"People who are investigating Christianity don't expect perfection from Christians. They're too street-smart for that! What they do hope to find is someone with the courage to confess their blunders and make things right." Bill Hybels

Why don't we tell the truth? We are embarrassed, we don't want to admit it to ourselves, or we haven't really spent much time contemplating it.

Principle: The Bible does not say to let our perfection be made known but our progress.

In sharing your faith, be: natural, honest, respectful, simple, remembering, and patient.

2. It means that I am open to sharing my faith with everyone.

Principle: Humpty Dumpty evangelists don't get bogged down in the process of evangelism. They keep their focus on the purpose of evangelism.

"Give me 100 men (and women) who love God with all their hearts; and hate sin with all their hearts; and we'll kick the gates of hell in and bring in the kingdom of God in one generation!"
John Wesley

3. It means I don't have to be all-knowing to begin sharing my faith - simply obedient.
4. It means I understand the importance of sharing my faith – now.

Summary of some of the things we have learned:

- No one is too sinful to be saved.
- No one is so lost that the Lord cannot find them.
- No one can be saved without facing their sinful past.
- No one who faces their sinful past will be turned away by Jesus.
- No one who meets Jesus will ever be the same again.